

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Drawings as including reference signs not mentioned in the description. The Examiner rejected claim 18 under 35 U.S.C § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Furthermore, the Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Marcosky '759*.

The Examiner allowed claims 6-17 and 19-20 over the cited art. The Examiner objected to claims 2-5 as being dependant upon a rejected base claim, but indicated they would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Finally, the Examiner indicated claim 18 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the §112 rejection.

The Examiner designated the Office Action as FINAL. In response, Applicant respectfully amends the Specification, Drawings, and Claims to place the application in condition for allowance, as suggested by the Examiner.

Drawing Objections

With respect to the drawing objections, Applicant respectfully points out that drawing item **201** shown in Figure 2a is discussed in the specification at Paragraph [0024] in conjunction with Figure 3. Nonetheless, Applicant has submitted amended paragraph [0024] herewith to clarify any ambiguities. This amendment neither adds new matter to nor modifies the scope of claims pending in the application..

With respect to item **283'** shown in Figure 2, a proposed drawing amendment incorporating a replacement Figure 2. is submitted herewith to remove the item designation from Figure 2. This proposed amendment does not modify the scope of any claim pending in the application.

Applicant believes that all drawing objections are addressed and rectified by the aforementioned amendments.

§ 112 Rejection

In response to the Examiner's objections, Applicant has amended claim 18 to provide proper antecedent basis for the "eyepiece" element. This amendment does not add new matter to the application and does not impact the scope of the claims, including any equivalents under the doctrine of equivalents.

§ 102 Rejections

In response to assertions made by the Examiner in the Office Action, Applicant amends claim 1 to include all of the limitations of dependant claim 2 and withdraws the former claim 2. The Examiner indicates in the Office Action that claim 2 would be allowable if re-written in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Subsequent to the amendment of claim 1, remaining claims 3-5 all properly depend therefrom and are narrower in scope. Therefore claims 3-5 should likewise be in condition for allowance.

Summary of Claim Amendments

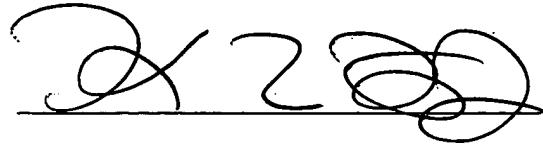
Claim 18 has been amended to correct issues of proper antecedent basis and clarity. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all the elements of proper dependant claim 2. Claim 2 has been withdrawn from the application subsequent to the allowance of the aforementioned amended claim 1.

During the course of these remarks, Applicant has at times referred to particular limitations of the claims which are not shown in the applied prior art. This short-hand approach to discussing the claims should not be construed to mean that the other claimed limitations are not part of the claimed invention. Consequently, when interpreting the claims, each of the claims should be construed as a whole, and patentability determined in light of this required claim construction. Unless Applicant has specifically stated that an amendment was made to distinguish the prior art, it was the intent of the amendment to further clarify and better define the claimed invention.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this communication, he is invited to contact the undersigned directly to expedite the resolution of this

application. Further examination of the application and reconsideration of the claims and specification as amended and the allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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